



ITINERARY

The following pages detail our day-to-day activities. In addition to this itinerary, you will receive a daily program that lists the planned activities for each day with specific timings.

Please remember that this is an expedition in the true sense of the word. You should expect that changes will occur along the way, timings will be adjusted, and unexpected events will affect the program. Your Expedition Leader will conduct briefings to keep you apprised of any scheduling changes.



Explorer Destinations

Explorer destinations will be marked with the above icon. These destinations have been chosen due to their remote beauty, historical and cultural significance, unique touring and wildlife access rather than their luxury lodging and dining. For these stops we will stay in more basic, authentic properties that are the best available for the location. Fine dining opportunities may be limited in these locales resulting in more buffet-style group meals due to service limitations. While these stops may require a more adventurous spirit, we believe you will be rewarded with deeply enriching and authentic experiences that can only be found off the beaten path.



October 27 – 28

Miami, Florida

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

Individual Arrivals in Miami, Florida

Upon arrival at the Four Seasons Hotel Miami, please visit the *Around the World* hospitality room. Please bring your passport and proof of Yellow Fever vaccination or waiver with you. The check-in staff will collect your passport and return it to you the next morning at breakfast. You will also receive your name tag and other important updates.

Further details about check-in will be provided in the welcome letter when you check in to the hotel.

Hospitality Room Hours:

Monday, October 27 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This evening, please gather for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner. This is your opportunity to meet your expert staff and fellow travelers. Your Expedition Leader will brief you on important details for tomorrow morning's departure.

OVERNIGHT: Four Seasons Hotel Miami

Reminders

Please do not pack your passport or important documents in your checked luggage, but rather always put them in your hand-carry that you bring on board the jet.

Machu Picchu Guests: As you will be traveling to high altitude tomorrow for your visit to Peru, you should start taking your high altitude medication this afternoon. While at altitude, avoid consuming alcohol and drink plenty of water.

All Guests: Please prepare your large suitcase with all the items you will need for your stops in Peru, Easter Island and Tahiti. Your small suitcase will remain securely locked on the aircraft.



ACCOMMODATION

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL MIAMI

Four Seasons Hotel Miami sits in the heart of the Brickell neighborhood, where gleaming skyscrapers are interwoven with high-end boutiques and trendy restaurants. The city's artistic influences come to life within the hotel's walls, from the art deco flourishes in your guest room to the towering bronze sculptures of Adam and Eve by Colombian artist Fernando Botero in the main lobby.



October 28 – 31

Cusco & Machu Picchu or 🧭 Pisco, Peru

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Pisco. Please remember to stop at the TCS hospitality desk to collect your passport.

Depart: Miami, Florida | 10:00 A.M.

Arrive: Pisco, Peru | 3:20 P.M.

Elapsed Time: 6H 20M

Meal Service: Lunch

☐ Cusco and Machu Picchu Guests

After clearing Peruvian immigration and customs, we board our charter flight to Cusco. Flight time is approximately 1 hour. Arriving in Cusco, transfer to the hotel for check-in and dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Palacio Nazarenas, A Belmond Hotel

☐ Pisco Guests

Upon arrival in Pisco, clear Peruvian immigration and customs and then transfer to the hotel for check-in and dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Paracas

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

☐ Cusco and Machu Picchu Guests

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the train station to board the Hiram Bingham luxury train for the three-hour trip to Aguas Calientes, known as the gateway to Machu Picchu. Sit back and savor the views of the scenic Urubamba Valley while you enjoy a late brunch on the train.

Or if you prefer, you may depart the hotel earlier to enjoy the Urubamba Valley by motor coach, with time to explore the village of Ollantaytambo before joining the group on the Hiram Bingham train.

Upon arrival in Aguas Calientes, board a motor coach for the final half-hour drive up to the Incan city, Machu Picchu, which was rediscovered by Hiram Bingham in 1911.

Explore Machu Picchu with visits to the watchtower, temples, houses, baths and the great “House of the Sun.” Enjoy afternoon tea at a local restaurant after a guided tour of the citadel.

Transfer back to the village of Aguas Calientes to catch the Hiram Bingham train for your return to Cusco. Dinner is served in the dining cars. From the station, we return to Cusco and our hotel by motor coach.

OVERNIGHT: Palacio Nazarenas, A Belmond Hotel

❑ **Pisco Guests**

After breakfast, take an approximately 90-minute flight to take in the fascinating Nazca Lines. Covering over 300 miles of desert hills and sands, some of the over 10,000 pre-Columbian geoglyphs stretch more than 5 miles long and 100 feet wide. The purpose of the Nazca Lines are not fully known, but some think they are religious offerings to the gods who would look down on them from the heavens or sacred pathways used during rituals.

Return to the hotel for lunch before enjoying a late afternoon dune experience. Depart on an adrenaline-filled ride on specially outfitted 4x4 trucks driven by expert drivers. Drive up and along the sandy dunes, and take in the spectacular scenery around you. Afterwards, conclude your outdoor adventure with a picnic of beverages and light snacks with the dunes as your unforgettable backdrop.

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Paracas

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

❑ **Cusco and Machu Picchu Guests**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then you may choose between several morning sightseeing options.

Morning Touring

Sacsayhuaman and Plaza de Armas

Visit the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, a monumental fortress just outside of Cusco. It is believed that Cusco was laid out in the form of a puma, whose head was the hill of Sacsayhuaman. Return to Cusco and explore the Plaza de Armas, including the grand Cusco Cathedral.

San Pedro Market and Plaza de Armas

Visit the San Pedro Market, located about a ten minute walk from the Plaza de Armas to take in the lively energy of this hub of local life. Your senses will come alive as you sample local fruits and fresh juice and smell the spices and meat being sold throughout. You will also have a chance to shop for a variety of souvenirs. Afterward, enjoy time to explore the central plaza including the grand Cusco Cathedral.

Korikancha, Plaza de Armas and Cathedral

Explore the ruins of Korikancha, or Temple of the Sun, where the Convent of San Domingo now stands. This site was formerly the main Inca temple of Cusco, and was famed for its gold-covered walls. Walk back to the Plaza de Armas to see the beautiful Cusco Cathedral. Afterward, enjoy time to shop in the central plaza on your own.

Afternoon Touring

This afternoon, guests have the option to visit Sacsayhuaman and Plaza de Armas or witness a master weaving demonstration.

Sacsayhuaman and Plaza de Armas

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Weaving Demonstration

Transfer to Chinchero where master Andean weaver, Nilda Callañaupa, and her community of weavers will give a special demonstration of traditional Andean weaving.

All Guests

This evening, dine at your choice of local restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: Palacio Nazarenas, A Belmond Hotel

❑ **Pisco Guests**

Morning Touring

After breakfast at the hotel, depart by boat for a morning cruise around the Ballestas Islands, the most important wildlife sanctuary on the Peruvian coast. This group of small, rocky islands is home to an abundance of marine birds and mammals, including Humboldt penguins, blue-footed boobies, fur seals and sea lions.

Afternoon Touring

Drive one hour and 20 minutes to Hacienda La Caravedo, the oldest continuously operating distillery in the Americas. After watching the Paso horse show and having lunch, enjoy a tasting of pisco, Peru's famed brandy, distilled from grapes.

All Guests

This evening, enjoy dinner and local entertainment.

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Paracas

Reminder

All Guests: Please prepare your large suitcase with all the items you will need for your stops on Easter Island and Tahiti. Your small suitcase will remain securely locked on the aircraft.



ACCOMMODATION

PALACIO NAZARENAS, A BELMOND HOTEL

This former 16th-century Carmelite convent has been renovated into Cusco's premier luxury hotel. The hotel is a blend of authentic historical décor and modern luxuries. The site includes an outdoor heated pool, on-site dining and a spa. This all-suite hotel features the original exposed stone walls, heated Peruvian marble bathrooms, Persian rugs and oxygenated rooms. All suites include a widescreen TV, as well as an iPod docking station and an iPad for guest use. 24-hour personal butler service is included in all suites.



ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL PARACAS

Located on the coast and surrounded by the Paracas National Reserve, Hotel Paracas offers an outstanding location and upscale accommodations with ocean views. Enjoy two swimming pools, a bar-lounge, a luxury spa and fine dining. In addition, the Ballestas Islands ecological sanctuary is located just off shore in front of the hotel.



October 31 – November 2

Easter Island, Chile

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

☐ Cusco and Machu Picchu Guests

After breakfast at our hotel, transfer to the Cusco Airport for your charter flight back to Pisco. Flight time is approximately 1 hour, 10 minutes.

☐ Pisco Guests

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport where you will be reunited with the Cusco and Machu Picchu guests for your flight to Easter Island.

All Guests

Depart: Lima, Peru | 11:10 A.M.

Arrive: Easter Island, Chile | 4:55 P.M.

Elapsed Time: 5H 35M

Meal Service: Lunch

After clearing Chilean immigration and customs, transfer to the hotel with a stop at Ahu Tahai, the site of three restored moai, the rock statues for which the island is famous. Once at the hotel, check in and enjoy dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Nayara Hangaroa

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Morning Touring

After breakfast, embark on a full-day tour of the island.

Near the town of Hanga Roa we encounter Ahu Tahai, the site of three restored moai, the rock statues for which the island is famous. We also stop at the Rano Raraku quarry, where almost 400 giant statues remain in various stages of completion, giving us insights to how these mysterious icons may have been created. At Ahu Tongariki, we visit a monument featuring 15 large statues lined in a row.

Afternoon Touring

After a barbecue lunch on the beach, continue to explore the island or spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure.

You may choose to visit Ahu Akivi, considered to be a particularly sacred site, and home to seven moai, all of which are positioned to face sunset during the spring equinox and have their backs to the sunrise during autumn equinox. The astronomical precision is unique to this location on the island.

Or, you may take a guided walk along the island's beautiful beaches, across semi-rugged terrain to see additional moai at Ovahe and La Perouse. At the foot of a volcanic cliff, these small beaches are less frequented and offer serene views of the Pacific Ocean.

All Guests

Gather this evening for cocktails, dinner and entertainment.

OVERNIGHT: Nayara Hangaroa



ACCOMMODATION

NAYARA HANGAROA

The Nayara Hangaroa was designed in homage to the village of Orongo, a ceremonial place on Rapa Nui. Guest rooms are built of natural materials like cypress logs, clay and volcanic rock, immersing guests in the Rapa Nui habitat. Inspired by the shape of caves, the rooms are imbued with smooth, organic shapes. Rooms also feature a clay bath, a separate shower, a music system, a desk, a safe-deposit box, a mini-bar and a private terrace with an ocean view.



November 2 – 3

Papeete, Tahiti (Logistical Overnight Stop)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Morning Touring in Easter Island

This morning, you may choose to rise early for a sunrise photo shoot at Ahu Tongariki. After breakfast, transfer to the airport, stopping at Ahu Akivi, considered to be a particularly sacred site, and home to seven moai, all of which are positioned to face sunset during the spring equinox and have their backs to the sunrise during autumn equinox. The astronomical precision is unique to this location on the island. Alternatively, you may choose to spend your morning at leisure and transfer directly to the airport.

Upon arrival at the airport, board the private jet for our flight to Tahiti.

Depart: Easter Island, Chile | 12:00 P.M.

Arrive: Papeete, Tahiti | 1:00 P.M.

Elapsed Time: 6H

Meal Service: Lunch

After check-in, remain at the hotel for some time at leisure, or depart on your choice of sightseeing activity.

Harbor Cruise

From the hotel dock, board a catamaran and set sail down the west coast of Tahiti. The catamaran offers plenty of shaded seating under the canopy and two large nets where you may soak in the sun and relax. Reach the south shores of Taapuna's passage, renowned for waves that attract local and international surfers, especially on swell days. Inside the lagoon, drop anchor and enjoy a dip and time to explore the clear waters. Masks and snorkels will be provided. You may also settle back in the catamaran deck and nets to unwind. Enjoy a local refreshment and a few other local specialties as you sail through turquoise waters all the way home. Bottled water and soft drinks will also be available. *Note: This activity is weather dependent.*

❑ Lagoon Cruise on Zodiac or Speed Boat

From the hotel dock, board a Zodiac or speed boat to reach Taapuna's passage, where local and international surfers can be spotted taking on the waves. Proceed to the ocean en route to Sapinus, where some of Tahiti's most picturesque waves crest along the reef's edge. Here you will have the opportunity to snorkel in the crystal waters and possibly spot resident turtles under the waves. Masks and snorkels will be provided. *Note: This activity is weather dependent.*

This evening, enjoy a cocktail reception with entertainment and dinner at leisure at the resort.

OVERNIGHT: Hilton Hotel Tahiti



ACCOMMODATION

HILTON HOTEL TAHITI

This oceanfront hotel, conveniently located near the airport, looks out to views of the South Pacific and Tahitian islands. The rooms are decorated in Polynesian style, instantly putting guests into island time.



November 3 – 6

Great Barrier Reef, Australia

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board the private jet and depart for Australia.

Depart: Papeete, Tahiti | 10:05 A.M.

Arrive: Noumea, New Caledonia | 1:25 P.M. (Tech Stop)

Elapsed Time: 6H 25M

Meal Service: Lunch

Cross the International Date Line: Arrive Tuesday, Nov. 4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Depart: Noumea, New Caledonia | 2:15 P.M.

Arrive: Cairns, Australia | 4:50 P.M.

Elapsed Time: 3H 35M

Meal Service: Snack

Clear Australian immigration and customs and transfer approximately one hour to the hotel in the lodge in Mossman Gorge. Upon arrival, check in and enjoy dinner at the lodge.

OVERNIGHT: Silky Oaks Lodge

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Opt to rise early for a morning yoga session, or opt for a more leisurely paced morning.

☐ Early Morning Yoga

Held in an open-air pavilion, cares slip away with the soothing sound of the Mossman River as you are guided through a gentle-paced yoga class suited to all levels.

After breakfast, depart for full-day sightseeing options.

Full-Day Touring

☐ Reef Cruise - Snorkeling

Transfer by coach for the Port Douglas Marina for a cruise out to the Great Barrier Reef. A UNESCO World Heritage site, the Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system, composed of roughly 3,000 individual reefs and 900 islands stretching for over 1,600 miles. The Great Barrier Reef is the world's biggest single structure made by living organisms.

Explore the reef, alongside the guests opting to dive, stopping first to visit a private pontoon where you can experience the vast coral ecosystem from a semi-submersible submarine. Then, head out into the open water where you can enjoy time for snorkeling amid the stunning variety of marine life. Lunch will be served onboard the boat. You return to shore this afternoon, where you may choose to shop in Port Douglas or transfer directly to the hotel.

❑ Reef Cruise - Certified Diving

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Explore the reef, alongside the guests who are snorkeling, stopping at a private pontoon to view the vast coral ecosystem from a semi-submersible submarine. Then, head out into the open water to enjoy a time for diving amid the stunning variety of marine life. Please note that diving is subject to medical clearance by the diving staff and approval of guests' internationally recognized SCUBA certification card. Lunch will be served onboard the boat. We return to shore this afternoon, where you may choose to shop in Port Douglas or transfer directly to the hotel.

❑ Daintree Rainforest

Spend the day exploring the Daintree Rainforest. Start with a Dreamtime Walk through the Mossman Gorge with an Aboriginal guide of the Kuku Yalanji tribe. The gorge is a rainforest sanctuary of rare and exotic fruit trees and wildlife facing extinction. After the walk, discuss rainforest flora and fauna with your guide and learn more about traditional Aboriginal culture. Choose to shop in Port Douglas or return directly to the hotel.

❑ Full-Day at Leisure

Enjoy the hotel amenities or explore on your own.

All Guests

This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Port Douglas.

OVERNIGHT: Silky Oaks Lodge



ACCOMMODATION

SILKY OAKS LODGE

The luxurious Silky Oaks Lodge places you in the middle of the ancient rainforest. From your elegant guest room, enjoy beautiful views and the sounds of the jungle. Dine in the open-sided Treehouse Restaurant, perched high above the river, and relax at the Healing Waters Spa.



November 6 – 9

Angkor Wat, Cambodia

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

This morning, breakfast is at the hotel before you transfer to the airport for your flight to Cambodia. If you wish, you may stop at a rainforest habitat to learn more about Australia's endemic flora and fauna en route.

Depart: Cairns, Australia | 11:00 A.M.

Arrive: Siem Reap, Cambodia | 3:45 P.M.

Elapsed Time: 7H 45M

Meal Service: Lunch

Land in Siem Reap and clear Cambodian immigration and customs before transferring to the hotel for check-in.

This evening, enjoy an à la carte dinner at one of the hotel restaurants.

OVERNIGHT: Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Morning Touring

You have two options for your visit to Angkor Wat: an early morning sunrise visit, or a mid-morning tour.

Early Morning Angkor Wat

Wake up early before sunrise and transfer to Angkor Wat to explore this magnificent temple complex, also known as “the city which is a temple.” Angkor Wat is the world's largest religious structure built from stone. Enjoy breakfast before visiting Ta Prohm, which is known for the massive trees that have engulfed the temple walls over the centuries. You also visit the Elephant Terrace and the Bayon Temple, famed for its four massive stone-carved faces of a Bodhisattva.

Mid-Morning Angkor Wat

Following breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Angkor Wat to explore this magnificent temple complex, also known as “the city which is a temple.” Angkor Wat is the world's largest religious structure built from stone. Visit Ta Prohm, which is known for the massive trees that have engulfed the temple walls over the centuries. You also visit the Elephant Terrace and the Bayon Temple, famed for its four massive stone-carved faces of a Bodhisattva.

Afternoon Touring

This afternoon, you will have lunch at the hotel before departing for your afternoon sightseeing options.

Floating Villages on Tonle Sap

Transfer to Tonle Sap, Asia's largest freshwater lake that is home to over one hundred floating villages. Explore the floating villages by boat, getting a glimpse into the unique daily life of the local people.

Artisans d'Angkor & Siem Reap Market

Visit Artisans d'Angkor, where artisans from Cambodia's rural communities are trained to create traditional crafts to preserve Cambodia's heritage and build a stable economic future. After seeing them at work, you'll return to Siem Reap to stroll through the bustling market where locals sell clothing, spices, housewares, fresh food and handicrafts.

Apopo Hero Rat & Siem Reap Market

Embark on a visit to the Apopo Visitors Center to learn about the remarkable Hero Rat. Learn how the highly developed sense of smell of these skilled rodents makes them ideal detectors of landmines and aid tuberculosis efforts in local clinics. Afterwards, return to Siem Reap to explore the bustling market where locals sell clothing, spices, housewares, fresh food and handicrafts.

☐ Countryside Vespa Tour

Hop on the back of a Vespa to enjoy a leisurely afternoon tour of the countryside. A guide will take you past palm-filled pastures and wetlands teeming with lotus blooms. Stop to visit a Buddhist temple and meet with monks for a blessing. You will continue to a rural village to meet the residents before returning to the hotel.

All Guests

Tonight, you will enjoy a gala dinner at the hotel with traditional entertainment.

OVERNIGHT: Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

After breakfast at the hotel, choose how you spend your morning.

Morning Touring

Banteay Srei & Preah Dak Village

Visit Banteay Srei and explore the "citadel of women," where red sandstone Hindu temples are beautifully preserved and magnificent carvings cover nearly every surface. Explore Preah Dak, where you will see palm sugar production and have the opportunity to buy handmade products and stroll through the village. Return to the hotel for lunch.

Royal Khmer Cooking Class

Meet a local chef in the hotel lobby to begin your culinary adventure. You will learn how to make a local dish following a hands-on demo at the Restaurant Le Grand. After sharpening your cooking skills, you will enjoy the fruits of your labor for lunch.

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Elephants in Kulan Forests

A one-hour drive brings you to the elephant reserve, a forest of over 1,100 protected acres in the foothills of the Kulen Mountains. Your ranger guide will tell you about the past lives of these magnificent creatures and you will follow the elephants through their natural habitat along a circular path and observe their relationships and behaviors.

Afternoon Touring

In the afternoon, choose from the following sightseeing options:

Floating Villages on Tonle Sap

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Evening Touring

☐ Siem Reap Vespa Food Tour

Escorted by a local guide, spend an evening riding through the flavorful streets of Siem Reap. You'll be driven around on the back of a vintage Vespa, tasting a variety of local dishes and regional favorites from hidden gems.

All Guests

Guests not on the Vespa food tour can choose to have dinner at a local restaurant or one of the restaurants at the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor



ACCOMMODATION

RAFFLES GRAND HOTEL D'ANGKOR

The Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor has all the modern comforts to complement the grandeur of the destination. The nearly 15 acres of gardens provide a spectacular setting with formal, lotus, temple and river-styled gardens. Each room in the hotel has been tastefully restored and refurbished to the original colonial architectural style.



November 9 – 11

Taj Mahal, India

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

After breakfast, you transfer to the airport for your flight to India.

Depart: Siem Reap, Cambodia | 10:30 A.M.

Arrive: Agra, India | 1:00 P.M.

Elapsed Time: 4H

Meal Service: Lunch

Depart: Varanasi, India | 2:00 P.M.

Arrive: Agra, India | 4:20 P.M.

Elapsed Time: 1H 20M

Meal Service: Snack

After clearing Indian immigration and customs, you may choose to transfer directly to the hotel or do either of the following activities en route:

Agra Fort

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site that was home to the emperors of the Mughal Dynasty. The double-walled, sandstone fort built in 1565 A.D. by emperor Akbar features a lavishly decorated hall and tiny gem mosque as well as a mini palace.

Shopping

Visit a marble factory and store, and shop for jewelry and museum quality tapestries at Kohinoor Jewelers.

All Guests

Enjoy a dine around dinner at your choice of on-site restaurants.

OVERNIGHT: The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Early Morning Touring

This morning, you may choose to rise early for coffee and pastries followed by a sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal departing at 5:30 a.m. We will return to the hotel for breakfast and an optional yoga class. Or have a more leisurely paced morning with the mid-morning tour options below.

Morning Touring

Fatehpur Sikri

Visit the 16th-century, walled city of Fatehpur Sikri. View the red sandstone buildings built by Emperor Akbar that make up the former capital of the Mogul Empire. Admire the Pre-Islamic, Hindu & Jain architectural influences and see Jama Masjid, one of largest mosques in India.

Taj Mahal

Start your morning at 8:30 a.m. with a visit to India's architectural masterpiece, the Taj Mahal. Transfer to the grand marble mausoleum, which was built for Mumtaz Mahal by her grieving widower, Emperor Shah Jahan. A guide will take you through the gardens, where pools perfectly reflect the gleaming façade. After time to take in the spectacular exterior, step into the mausoleum to see the delicately-tiled, domed interior.

Afternoon Touring

Return to the hotel for lunch. This afternoon, choose from the following sightseeing options, or remain at the hotel and relax.

Tomb of I'timād-ud-Daulah & Kachhpura Village

Visit the Tomb of I'timad-ud-Daulah, a charming mausoleum often referred to as the "Baby Taj." This grand display of Mughal architecture was commissioned by Empress Nur Jahan for her beloved father, Mirza Ghiyas Beg, and predates the Taj Mahal by five years. Head to Kachhpura village to learn about local life and culture.

Amber Fort

Explore this UNESCO World Heritage site that was home to the emperors of the Mughal Dynasty. The double-walled, sandstone fort—built in 1565 by Emperor Akbar— features a lavishly decorated hall, tiny gem mosque and a mini palace.

Shopping

A guide will take you to a marble factory and store, and Kohinoor Jewelers where you can shop for museum quality tapestries. A shuttle will run regularly to the hotel, allowing you to conclude your outing when you desire.

All Guests

This evening, enjoy a Bollywood-themed reception before having dinner at one of the hotel's restaurants.

OVERNIGHT: The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra

Reminders

Tonight, please prepare your small, wheeled suitcase with all the items you will need for our three-night stay in Tanzania. Your larger suitcase will remain securely locked on our aircraft.

Ngorongoro Crater Guests: as we will be traveling to high altitude tomorrow, you should start taking your high altitude medication tonight. While at altitude, avoid consuming alcohol and drink plenty of water.



ACCOMMODATION

THE OBEROI AMARVILAS, AGRA

Just minutes from the Taj Mahal, this world-class hotel's attention to detail is reflected in room design, elaborate gardens, terraced lawns, fountains, and reflection pools. Guest room amenities include butler service, a hair dryer, satellite television, computer data port, wireless internet, coffee/tea-making facilities, an in-room safe, and a mini bar.



November 11 – 14

Serengeti or Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Breakfast is at our hotel before we transfer to the airport for our flight to Tanzania.

Depart: Jaipur, India | 9:00 A.M.

Arrive: Kilimanjaro, Tanzania | 2:30 P.M.

Elapsed Time: 8H

Meal Service: Lunch

Upon clearing Tanzanian immigration and customs, you split into your pre-selected groups, traveling to the Serengeti National Park or Ngorongoro Crater aboard small aircraft charters.

☐ Serengeti National Park Guests

Take a charter flight to the Seronera Airstrip in Serengeti National Park. Flight time is approximately one hour.

Afternoon Touring

Upon arrival, you board safari Jeeps and enjoy your first game drive en route to the lodge. You then check in and enjoy drinks and a safari briefing before dinner at the lodge.

OVERNIGHT: Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti

☐ Ngorongoro Crater Guests

Board a charter flight to the Lake Manyara Airstrip. Flight time is approximately 30 minutes.

Afternoon Touring

Upon arrival, board safari Jeeps for the scenic drive to your lodge for check-in. After drinks and a safari briefing, enjoy dinner at the lodge.

OVERNIGHT: Ngorongoro Lodge Meliá Collection

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

☐ Serengeti National Park Guests

Today, enjoy your pre-selected hot air balloon ride, and spend time at leisure or venture out on a spectacular game drive.

Early Morning Touring

☐ Hot Air Ballooning

Take an early morning hot air balloon ride over the vast Serengeti Plain. Have morning coffee and snacks (approximately 4:30 a.m.), then transfer approximately one hour and 30 minutes to a launch site where we will soar into the air for a spectacular view of the wildlife and scenery from above.

After about an hour in the sky, touch down and indulge in an outdoor champagne breakfast in the plain. From here, you may continue on a game drive or return to the hotel for the remainder of the morning at leisure.

☐ Early Morning at Leisure

Enjoy a more leisurely paced morning before the rest of the day's touring.

Half-Day Touring

Game Drive

Set out on a half-day game drive to see great herds of buffalo, smaller groups of elephant and giraffe, and countless other animals that call The Serengeti National Park home. The morning game drive will depart around 6:00 a.m. and return to the hotel for lunch, and the afternoon game drive will depart after lunch at the hotel.

All Guests

Tonight, gather at the hotel pool for sunset cocktails and a Maasai dance performance, followed by dinner at the lodge.

OVERNIGHT: Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti

☐ Ngorongoro Crater Guests

Full-Day Touring

Maasai Village Visit and Game Drive

After breakfast, visit a Maasai village before continuing on to a game drive, as described below, and concluding your game drive with a bush lunch.

Half-Day Touring

Game Drive

Journey into the Ngorongoro Crater in either the morning or afternoon for a half-day game drive. This UNESCO World Heritage site is the world's largest intact volcanic caldera. It is approximately 10 miles wide and creates a natural amphitheater for one of the densest populations of large animals anywhere. It hosts a spectacular array of wildlife, including rhinos, lions, water buffalo, zebra, elephants, Thompson's gazelles and warthogs.

All Guests

This evening, enjoy dinner at the lodge.

OVERNIGHT: Ngorongoro Lodge Meliá Collection

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

▣ Serengeti National Park Guests

The Serengeti National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, protects a wide variety of animals, large and small, including more than 30 species of large herbivores and nearly 500 species of birds. Take advantage of this magnificent destination with another incredible game drive.

Full-Day Touring

Game Drive

See more of the Serengeti on a full-day game drive. Spend your day in search of the most scintillating game-viewing in Africa: great herds of buffalo, smaller groups of elephant and giraffe, and thousands upon thousands of eland, topi, kongoni, impala and Grant's gazelle. Enjoy a scenic picnic lunch before continuing your drive.

Half-Day Touring

Game Drive

Choose to spend your morning or afternoon at leisure, while still experiencing the remarkable wildlife of the Serengeti. Set out on a half-day game drive to see great herds of buffalo, smaller groups of elephant and giraffe, and countless other animals that call The Serengeti National Park home. The morning game drive will depart around 7:30 a.m. and return to the hotel for lunch, and the afternoon game drive will depart after lunch at the hotel.

All Guests

Tonight, gather for sundowners and a Majuto dance performance, followed by dinner in the bush.

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▣ Ngorongoro Crater Guests

The Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is the world's largest inactive volcanic caldera, teeming with diverse wildlife. Home to over 25,000 large animals, including the Big Five, and over 500 species of birds. Spend another day exploring this natural wonder and witness the harmonious coexistence of wildlife on another game drive, or choose to spend your time at leisure.

Full-Day Touring

Maasai Village Visit and Game Drive

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Half-Day Touring

Game Drive

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All Guests

This evening, sip sundowners alongside local entertainment and have dinner at the lodge.

OVERNIGHT: Ngorongoro Lodge Meliá Collection



ACCOMMODATION

FOUR SEASONS SAFARI LODGE SERENGETI

Located within the Serengeti National Park, this lodge features 77 rooms, all with stunning views of the Serengeti Plains. This property combines the intimacy of a lodge with the facilities expected of a much larger hotel, such as an infinity pool, restaurants that serve a mix of African and international cuisine, a bar, a fitness center and spa. Guest rooms offer luxurious sleeping areas and amenities such as a teak deck overlooking the savanna.



ACCOMMODATION

NGORONGORO LODGE MELIÁ COLLECTION

A new addition to the Meliá Collection, the Ngorongoro Lodge immerses you in the spectacular setting of the world's largest volcanic crater. Sleep surrounded by the sounds of nature, wake up for game drives in the unique caldera landscape, and end your day with a wellness treatment at The Spa or relaxation in the lodge's serene outdoor spaces overlooking the beauty of Tanzania.



November 14 – 16

Luxor, Egypt

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

☐ Serengeti National Park Guests

After breakfast, you transfer back to the Seronera Airstrip to board your short charter flight to Kilimanjaro.

☐ Ngorongoro Crater Guests

After breakfast, you transfer back to the Lake Manyara Airstrip for your short charter flight to Kilimanjaro.

All Guests

In Kilimanjaro, you will board the private jet for your flight to Luxor, Egypt.

Depart: Kilimanjaro, Tanzania | 12:00 P.M.

Arrive: Luxor, Egypt | 4:30 P.M.

Elapsed Time: 5H 30M

Meal Service: Lunch

Upon arrival, clear Egyptian immigration and customs before transferring to the hotel for check-in.

This evening, savor dinner and Nile views at the local restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Morning Touring

After breakfast, spend the day uncovering the wonders of Luxor, ancient Egypt's royal capital that is often described as the world's finest open-air museum. Begin on the Nile's east bank at the awe-inspiring temple complex of Karnak, dedicated to a quartet of Egyptian gods. Wander among the massive columns of the Great Hypostyle Hall, and take in the painted reliefs and ornate hieroglyphs that adorn these sacred spaces. Visit the small but impressive Temple of Khonsu, which was built under Ramesses III and is considered a stellar example of a complete New Kingdom temple.

Continue along the banks of the Nile to the magnificent Luxor Temple. Constructed over the centuries by a series of pharaohs, including Ramesses II and Tutankhamun, this vast complex retains its towering front wall, dramatic statues and gigantic columns opening onto grandiose squares.

Cross over to the west bank by motorboat and board a river cruise. Sail through the waters of the Nile, taking in views of Luxor's ancient monuments that rise from the banks of the river and enjoying lunch on board. Return to the hotel via motorboat and enjoy time at leisure after lunch.

Afternoon Touring

Later this afternoon, transfer to Luxor's Valley of the Kings, the burial ground for the pharaohs of the New Kingdom, including King Tutankhamun and Ramesses II. At this UNESCO World Heritage site, explore elaborate tombs—intended to pave the way to the afterlife.

All Guests

This evening, enjoy a gala dinner at Medinet Habu Temple, which is strikingly lit up against the night sky.

OVERNIGHT: Hilton Luxor Resort & Spa



ACCOMMODATION

HILTON LUXOR RESORT & SPA

The Hilton Luxor occupies a prime location on the east bank of the Nile River, just minutes away from the Temple of Karnak. Take in stunning views of the river from your comfortable guest room or the edge of the infinity pool, recharge in the on-site spa, or enjoy international cuisine at one of the property's eight restaurants.